

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE**  
**November 9, 2022**



These minutes are for informational purposes only.

**PRESENT:** McGinn, Walter; Quinn, Eric; Rhynhart, Hans; Rich, Matthew; Pandurevic, Nina; Hughes, Karin; Marrow-Rivera, Danielle; Rigney, John; Sandford, Chris; Saucier, Bobbie-Jo; Singleton, Holly; Tosetti, Amanda; Washington, Denzel; Woodland, Julie

**ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION:** Asikainen, Samantha; Garnsey, Arianna; MacKinnon, Leila; Samborowski, Leonard; Trivella, Joan

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Trustee McGinn at 7:00 p.m.

### **2. Community Participation – None.**

### **3. Secretary's Report—Minutes of September 14, 2022**

**MOTION:** (Rich/Rhynhart) To approve the minutes of September 14, 2022. All voted Yes except McGinn and Quinn, who abstained. Motion passes.

### **4. DEI Update**

Director of Equity and Inclusion Denzel Washington shared recent DEI work with the group.

- In conjunction with the National Conference for Community and Justice, over 20 people attended The Academy's second summer initiative on June 28-29 on South Campus.
- The Loos Center Gallery show called Reflections began on October 13 and will end on November 17. It has received much positive feedback.
- Rhapsody in Black, featuring T.K. Coleman and Tunji Adebayo, received praise from our students, and from students who came from ten other schools, on October 20. Attendees enjoyed the message about success and the many connections that were made.
- Advisory activities related to DEI seem to be teaching students to be more responsive and receptive to ideas.
- The DEI Committee currently has over 16 members and includes student representatives.
- Additional DEI resources can be found on The Academy website.

### **5. Wellness Days**

#### **7. Drug and Alcohol Counseling Update**

Dean of Students Karin Hughes reviewed a handout detailing the wellness services being provided to students. At the moment, six students attend Project Courage's weekly drug and alcohol counseling sessions which are scheduled through the health office. Twenty students currently receive counseling services through Silver Linings. Seven students have been recently referred to the program, and three have been discharged. As of today, 62 students have used one wellness day; eight students have used both for the school year. Guidance counselors are notified when a wellness day is used, which prompts a check-in for additional student support. Director of Health Services Bobbie-Jo Saucier mentioned that mental health needs are rising at this time of the year, as is typical.

## 6. Residential Life Update

Director of Residential Life Amanda Tosetti offered a PowerPoint presentation that painted a picture of how the residential life program has gone so far this semester. Over the summer, the ResLife Activities Committee planned the activities and events for the first semester. Typically, Friday nights involve on-campus activities such as karaoke, baking, movies, game nights, campfires, and assorted theme activities. Saturdays are typically filled with off-campus activities and trips such as city exploration or visiting fairs, museums, and shows. Sundays usually involve off-campus shopping, cooking, relaxing, and study time. A list of upcoming activities and an array of fun, student photos were shared. Student Life Committee Student Representative Nina Pandurevic plans to join the student activity group and shared some of her ideas. Committee members thanked the Residential Life team for doing the hard work needed for our boarding students to have fun.

## 8. Community Lunch Survey

Associate Head of School Holly Singleton has begun work on a survey about the community lunch experience for students and adults. The group was asked to email any questions or concerns to her or Dean of Students Karin Hughes.

## 9. Other – None.

## 10. Adjournment

**MOTION:** (Rich/Rhynhart) To adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

*Julie Woodland*

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Board Clerk

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